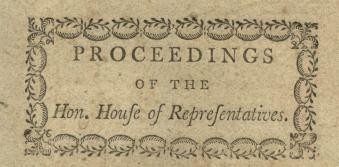
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Wednesday, November 21, 1798.

THE Speaker and a number of the Members of the House of Representatives met according to adjournment, and there not being a number sufficient to proceed to business, they agreed to adjourn until ten o'clock, to-morrow morning.

## Thursday, November 22, 1798.

Met according to adjournment,

BUT there not being a quorum, agreed to adjourn to three o'clock, P. M.—Met accordingly, but the number not being sufficient to proceed to business.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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Friday,

### Friday, November 23, 1798.

Met according to adjournment,

DUT there being a fmall number of Members wanting to make a quorum, agreed to adjourn to three o'clock, P. M.—Met accordingly, and there being a quorum.

Information was given the Senate that the House was ready to proceed to business.

The Senate gave the House information that a quorum were assembled and ready to proceed to business.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Gile be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration the petition of Moses Hoyt and others, praying for the liberty of taking water from a pond in Salem, called Captain's pond, for the use of said Hoyt's cornmill in Haverhill, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Duncan, Mr. Moore and Mr. R. Parker be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what business was left unfinished at the last selsion, that is now necessary to be taken up and acted upon.

Voted that Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Gerrish and Mr. Josiah Brown be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Bridgewater, also of the petition of the selectmen and other inhabitants of New-Chester, praying that the District for representation consisting of the towns of New-Chester, Bridgewater, Alexandria and Danbury, may be divided and classed in order

order for two Representatives in future, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Crawford, Mr. Eames and Mr. W. White be a committee on the part of this House, to join fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report their opinion what method would be most proper to furnish the Legislature with a Chaplain or Chaplains the present session, and the most convenient hour for attending.

Voted that Mr. Abbott, Mr. True, Mr. M'Gregore, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Young be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency the Governor and inform him that the Legislature are assembled, and ready to receive such communications as he may be pleased to make.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### Saturday, November 24, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Bettan, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. R. Parker, Mr. Moore and Mr. Carlton be a committee to report on the conflictionality of any Member holding his feat in this House during the present session, who since his election has accepted an office under the government of the United States.

Voted that Mr. Abbott, Mr. Bettan, Mr. W. Palmer, Mr. Harper, Mr. Alcock, Mr. French, Mr. Faxon, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Mooney and Mr. Blafdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to receive from the Secretary the returns made from the several towns of the rateable property therein contained, examine the casting, arrange said returns in a proper schedule, and lay the same before this House.

Voted that Mr. Leavitt, Mr. Gerrish and Mr. Riddle be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to take under confideration the act to establish an equitable method of making rates and taxes, &c. passed February 22, 1784, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary.

Voted that Mr. Plumer, Mr. Armor, Mr. Abbott, Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Rust, Mr. Young and Mr. S. Smith be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report their opinion on the propriety of petitioning Congress for an alteration in the Constitution of the United States, respecting the qualifications of persons elected Members of the Legislature of the United States.

Voted that Mr. Plumer, Mr. Whipple, and Mr. Moore be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the existing laws of this State, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary, also report what new Bills they shall judge necessary to be passed the present session.

Motion was made to take the opinion of this House whether upon any Member thereof accepting the appointment of an affessor or an affishant assessor, under the United States, shall operate as a resignation of his seat; the yeas and nays were called and are as follows, viz.

YEAS.

YEAS. Mr. W. White, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Parfons, Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Whipple, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. James Smith, Mr. Jenness, Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Noyes, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Tibbetts, Mr. M'Crilles, Mr. T. Clough, Mr. Knox, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Wilfon, Mr. True, Mr. Gile, Mr. Armor, Mr. W. Palmer, Mr. Harper, Mr. Crofby, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Ruft, Mr. O. Hall, Mr. Forster, Mr. Riddle, Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. Farrar, Mr. Dinfmore,

YEAS. Mr. Bixby, Mr. P. Putnam. Mr. Nefmith, Mr. Alcock, Mr. Adams, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Storey, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Davis, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Hale, Mr. L. Willard, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Moore, Mr. Hooker, Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. Chafe, Mr. Lane, Mr. Grout, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. J. Moody, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. N. Emerson, Mr. Faxon, Mr. Morfe, Mr. Tayntor, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Josiah Brown, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Burley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Slade, Mr. Porter,

Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Ruffell, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Quimby, Mr. Eames.

Mr. Bettan, Mr. R. Parker, NAYS. Mr. Gilman.

77 Yeas-3 Nays: So it passed in the affirmative.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Duncan, and Mr. Young be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to draught a bill to enable the several towns whose seats have become vacant in the Legislature, to fill up said vacancies by a new election, as soon as may be.

The committee to report what method would be most proper to furnish the Legislature with a Chaplain or Chaplains the present session, and most convenient hour for attending, reported that the Rev. Mr. M'Farland be requested to officiate as a Chaplain to the General Court the present session, and that he attend at 9 o'clock, A.M. which report was accepted.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

### Monday, November 26, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Pierce, Mr. Faxon, and Mr. Jofeph Clark be a committee on the part of this House, House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the petition of Andrew Poor, a prisoner in Amherst gaol and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. Young, Mr. French, Mr. Frink, and Mr. Blasdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the propriety of classing the towns of Middletown and Brooksield, for sending a Representative to the General Court, and of all similar matters, and report thereon.

The committee appointed at the last session to receive from the committee who fettled the Treasurer's accounts, all the papers received of the Treasurer by faid committee, and to deface the orders and new-emission money by punching the same, to destroy all the State notes and certificates, and lodge the new-emission money and orders with the Treasurer after they are thus defaced, and report at the next fession-reported that they have received from the committee who fettled the Treasurer's accounts, State notes, orders for State notes and certificates, with interest due thereon, amounting to one thoufand nine hundred and twenty-three pounds, eight shillings and ten pence; bills of new-emission, with interest thereon, one thousand two hundred and forty-two dollars, and twenty-nine cents; orders given for bounties for killing wolves, one hundred and eighty dollars; and orders drawn by the Executive, amounting to nine thousand, forty-eight dollars, and fixty-eight cents; the State notes and certificates we have burnt, the bills of the new-emission and orders we have punched, and delivered the fame to the Treasurer.

WILLIAM PLUMER,
BENJAMIN CONNOR,
THOMAS LEAVITT,

EXETER, July 10, 1798.

Which

Which report being read and confidered was received and accepted.

The petition of Jacob Ashton and others, were read and referred to the committee for taking under consideration the existing laws of this State, and for reporting new bills, &c.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### Tuefday, November 27, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that the committee on the propriety of petitioning Congress for an alteration in the Contitution of the United States, respecting the qualifications of persons elected Members of the Legislature of said United States, also take into their consideration the article respecting the election of President and Vice-President, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Jenness, Mr. Plumer and Mr. Bettan be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to report what business is necessary to be taken up and acted upon the present session.

Voted that Mr. Pierce, Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Cilley, and Mr. Pickering be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency the Governor.

and efcort him to the Representatives' chamber, the place agreed on for him to make his communications to the Legislature at 12 o'clock this day.

The Senate and House being affembled in the Reprefentatives' chamber, his Excellency the Governor came in escorted by the committee, attended by the honorable Council, and addressed the Legislature in the following words:

Gentlemen of the Senate, and

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives, Selected by the citizens of the State and assembled

SELECTED by the citizens of the State and aliembled at this time agreeably to your own determination, for the important purpose of promoting the general welfare; it must afford great satisfaction that our systems both of state and national government are so well adapted to this desirable end.—To redress public grievances, if any such there are, and to make laws calculated to secure the blessings of liberty and advance the happiness of the people must be a pleasing employment.

The great degree of harmony and tranquility, so apparent as it respects the internal concerns of the State must be highly gratifying, and if the welfare of the people requires an amendment of any of the laws now in force, or that new laws should be made, these circumstances must be known to their Representatives.

United with other States by a Federal compact for certain purposes, our interests are inseperably connected with that government which is endeared to us by the highly beneficial effects it has produced.

When we see a foreign nation overturning ancient fystems of government without any regard to their form, extending robbery and devastation as far as their forces can reach; when we see them contemning all moral B

and religious obligation; despising national compacts; plundering our citizens while in pursuit of lawful commerce; insulting our government, and threatening us with the fate of nations it has degraded and destroyed; at such a time as this we should highly prize the blessing of good government, and determine with one voice and mind to support and defend our rights and privileges against all hostile attempts whatever.

Much of the blood and treasure of the United States of America has been expended in obtaining the right of governing themselves, in such manner as they should choose; this great object being gained, our system of general government has been formed in as free a manner and under circumstances as favourable, perhaps more so, than that of any government which ever existed over such an extensive territory.—It is such a system as the people have chosen, may be altered when it shall be found necessary. The persons appointed to administer it, return to the class of citizens at short intervals, and others are selected in their places; what more can be desired: If this is destroyed where shall we look for a free government.

While the French nation was apparently pursuing measures for the promotion of liberty, they had the good wishes, at least, of a large proportion of the citizens of these United States; but unfortunately for our country they have had much encouragement from the conduct of many citizens when it seemed almost impossible that any one should entertain an idea that the freedom of man was their object; after they had prostrated governments once free and tyrannized over the citizens, and after it had become apparent that universal domination was its object. The conduct of those who rule over the French nation has for a long time been hostile to our own by their acts and intrigues, aided by the conduct of

fome of our citizens our government has been traduced: attempts have been made and in some instances succeeded, in exciting unreasonable jealousies among the people, persuading them that they have a separate interest from those whom they have elected to administer the government; no services, however wise, faithful and disinterested, and however long continued, have been sufficient to secure some of our best citizens from calumny, and some of our own periodical publications seem to be prostituted to this purpose, I need only mention the attempts to abuse a Washington and an Adams.

Peace on honorable terms is undoubtedly the defire of all good citizens. The conduct of the President in sending three envoys extraordinary and ministers plenipotentiary to the French republic, is full evidence of his opinion on this fubject; before the instructions given these envoys were made public, reports were circulated that the President had not a desire for peace; and sufpicions were excited that his instructions were not calculated for that purpose, but when they became public, it was acknowledged by the enemies of his administrations that those reports and suspicions were without foundation; the instructions are in the hands of many citizens and should be read by all; it is difficult to imagine how they could have gone further without deeply wounding the interests and independence of our country. These extraordinary exertions having failed of the defired effect, it is not easy to discern what more can be done in this way .- Determined to preferve our rights as an independent nation, such measures will undoubtedly be taken by the general government as shall appear best calculated for that purpose, and I rejoice that the citizens of this State are fo well united, and have given fo many proofs by the official acts of the Legislature, and otherwife of their firm adherence to our

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national government; confidence in its administration and determination to support it.

Prefuming that a law establishing a new proportion of taxes will be passed the present session, and as it usually requires a considerable time to determine the principles and prepare the bill, permit me to recommend an early attention to this subject.

The present state of the treasury will be laid before you, from which you will be enabled to determine what further measures may be necessary, respecting the finances of the State.

A letter from his Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and a Resolution of the Legislature, respecting an alteration in the Constitution of the General Government—also a letter from his Excellency the Governor of the State of Connecticut, and a Resolution of the Legislature of the same purport will be laid before you; the subject is highly important and I doubt not will be duly considered.

Whatever bills you may think proper to pass will be attended to with candor, and it will be highly pleasing to me to unite with you in measures calculated to advance the welfare of our common country.

JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN

State of New-Hampshire, Nov. 27, 1798.

Voted that Mr. Plumer, Mr. Moore and Mr. Bettan be a committee to draught an answer to his Excellency's address, and lay the same before this House.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M. Met accordingly.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. N. Parker, and Mr. C. Barrett be a committee on the part of this House, to join such

fuch of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider of the petition of John Taylor in behalf of the proprietors of Morristown grant, and report thereon.

A bill for choosing Representatives to fill up vacancies, &c. having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing the petition of Jeremiah Eames, for building a bridge &c. voted that the determination be postponed for the present.

Voted that the hearing on the petition of the inhabitants of Sharon, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to Wednesday the fifth day of December next, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Voted that the hearing on the petition of the inhabitants of Allenstown, &c. and on the petition of Sarah Howe, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to Tuesday next, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Voted that the hearing on the petition of Samuel Furber and others, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until to-morrow, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Upon hearing and confidering the petition of Na-B 3 thaniel thaniel Hubbard Dodge, voted that the prayer thereof be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Voted that Mr. Plumer, Mr. Blasdell and Mr. Bettan be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Thornton, respecting taxing land, &c. inventoried by Peeling, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Bettan have liberty to call to his aid fuch affiftance as he may judge proper, in the affair between the State and Andrew M'Millan, Efquire, and others.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### Wednesday, November 28, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Alstead, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Crawford, Mr. D. Emerson and Mr. Gerrish be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to wait on his Excellency the Governor and the honorable Council, and inform that the legislature will attend prayers in the Representatives' chamber this present session, at half past aine o'clock in the morning.

Voted

Voted that Thutsday the fixth day of December, at eleven o'clock A. M. be the time affigued to proceed to the choice of a Senator to the Congress of the United States.

Voted that Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. Bettan and Mr. Joseph Clark be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Eleazer Cummings, praying to be restored to law in a certain action and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. Abbott, Mr. Young, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Storey, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. L. Willard, Mr. Crawford and Mr. Blafdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Moses Davis, also of the petition of Charles Pierce, and of all similar matters, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Harper, Mr. French, Mr. Kimball and Mr. Josiah Brown be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Samuel Morrison, under prison keeper in Amherst respecting boarding prisoners, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Carlton, Mr. Hooker and Mr. S. Stevens be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration the petition of Nathaniel Snow and others, committee for Bethlehem, praying for an incorporation and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. M'Crillis, Mr. Mooney and Mr. Gerrish be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Tilton Bennett, praying for the priviledge of a ferry across Pemiggawassett river, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Dinfmore, Mr. Griffin and Mr. Curtis be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to report what method shall be adopted for informing the towns whose seats in the legislature have become vacant, of such vacancy and of the act passed respecting filling up said vacancies.

Voted that Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. Young Mr. N. Clark, Mr. N. Emerson and Mr. Eames be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Roswell Hubbard and others, praying for the grant of a township of the unlocated lands in this State, and report thereon.

The committee for reporting what method shall be adopted for informing the towns whose seats have become vacant in the Legislature, &c. reported that the Secretary be directed to forward copies of the act lately passed, to sill up vacancies in the General Court occasioned by members accepting the office of assessment to the several towns thus deprived of representation, as soon as possible, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

#### Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

Voted that Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Pierce, and Mr. L. Parker be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the petition of Benjamin Philbrook

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and others, and fimilar petitions accompanying the fame, respecting the division of the twenty-first regiment of the militia of this State, and report thereon.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions; upon hearing and confidering the petition of Samuel Furber and others, motion was made that the prayer thereof be granted, on which motion the yeas and nays were called and are as follows, viz.

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YEAS.	YEAS.
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. Tilton,
Mr. Drowne,	Mr. True,
Mr N William	3/- 0:1-
Mr. Pinkerton,	Mr. Bettan,
Mr. W. White,	Mr. Armor,
Mr. Pickering,	Mr. Moody,
Mr. Weeks,	Mr. J. Waldron,
Mr. T. Leavitt,	Mr. Joseph Clark
Mr. Whipple,	Mr. N. Clough,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. Dow,
Mr. Rollins,	Mr. Crofby,
	Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Joseph Brown,	
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Hodgdon,
Mr. Plumer,	Mr. C. Leavitt,
Mr. James Smith,	Mr. O. Hall,
Mr. Jenness,	Mr. Greeley,
Mr. Sanborn,	Mr. R. Parker,
Mr. Jona. Clark,	Mr. Forster,
Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Riddle,
Mr. M'Crilles,	Mr. D. Emerson
Mr. T. Clough,	Mr. Fisk,
Mr. Knox,	Mr. J. Barrett,
Mr. Drew,	Mr. Farley,
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Dinfmore,
Mr. Wilfon,	Mr. Bixby,
Mr. Godfrey,	Mr. P. Putnam
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Mr. E. Putnam, Mr. Edwards. Mr. John Smith, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Nefmith. Mr. Alcock, Mr. Adams, Mr. Pierce, Mr. N. Clark. Mr. Bayley, Mr. Tobie, Mr. Storey, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Jackman, Mr. S. Stevens, Mr. Hale, Mr. L. Willard. Mr. Frink, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Thorndike, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Hooker, Mr. Rand, Mr. J. Stevens, NAYS.

Mr. Bartlett,
Mr. Cilley,
Mr. Noyes,
Mr. W. Palmer,
Mr. Boody,
Mr. Harper,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Ruft,
Mr. J. Palmer,
Mr. C. Barrett,

Mr. Chafe, Mr. Lane. Mr. E. Hall, Mr. Robinson, Mr. N. Emerion Mr. Faxon, Mr. Morfe. Mr. Griffin, Mr. Seaward, Mr. Tayntor, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Duncan. Mr. Josiah Brown, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Burley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Slade, Mr. Porter, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Bedel, Mr. Ruffell, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Curtis.

NAYS.
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Philbrook,
Mr. Grout,
Mr. Beckwith,
Mr. J. Moody,
Mr. N. Parker,
Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Quimby,
Mr. Eames.

was granted, and the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

A bill to reftore Nathaniel Hubbard Dodge to his law, having had three feveral readings passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Abbott, Mr. J. Palmer, and Mr. Langdon be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Joshua Shaw, praying to be restored to his law in a certain action, and report thereon.

Voted that the hearing on the petition of Jabez Parfons and Chauncey Curtis, and on the petition from Cockburne and Wale's Gore, which were to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed to the first Tuesday of the next session, and that notice be given in the same manner and the like term of time prior to said day of hearing, as was heretofore ordered.

Voted that the hearing on the petition of Obed Hall, Esq. in behalf of the inhabitants of Chatham, which was to have been this day before the General Court, be postponed until to-morrow, of which all persons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### Thursday, November 29, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. Nesmith, Mr. N. Parker, and Mr. S. Stevens be a committee

committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Joseph Gage and others, respecting the law of this State, to prevent gaming in public houses, &c. and report thereon, also take under consideration the penal statutes of this State, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary.

The committee on the petition of Samuel Morrison, having reported, resolved that Samuel Morrison have and receive out of the Treasury of this State, fifty three dollars in full of his account, and that an order iffue accordingly.

Voted that Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. N. Parker, and Mr. Chace be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to procure printed a sufficient number of copies of the bill relating to proprietary matters, as may be necessary for the inspection of the members of the Legislature.

Voted that Mr. N. White, Mr. Cilley, and Mr. Bedel be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Danbury, respecting collecting taxes, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. J. Waldron, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Kimball, and Mr. Bladdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Charles Johnston, Esq. and others, respecting a demand that the State has against them, and report thereon.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

The committee on the petition of Eleazer Cummings, reported in favor of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that the petitioner be heard thereon, before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session, and that the petitioner cause that Asa Holden, of Shirley, in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, six weeks prior to said day of hearing, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

A bill to make perpetual an act, making further provision for the administration of justice, passed February twelfth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

Upon hearing and confidering the petition of Ebenezer Eaton and others, inhabitants of Landaff, voted that the prayer thereof be granted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Upon hearing and confidering the petition of Obed Hall, Efq. in behalf of the inhabitants of Chatham, voted that the prayer thereof be granted, and that they have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### Friday, November 30, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

TOTED that Mr. Clark, Mr. Hodgdon, Mr. Brooks. Mr. Thorndike, and Mr. Fairfield be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to confider of the account of Rufus Graves, Brigade Inspector, and of all similar accounts and report thereon, also report on the propriety of their being entitled to pay for their fervices.

Upon reading and confidering the petition of Randolph Freeman, praying that he may be enabled to affume and use the name of Peyton, in addition to and next preceding his Christian name Randolph, voted that the prayer thereof be granted and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

A bill for incorporating certain perfons by the name of the proprietors of the focial library in Lyndeborough, having had three feveral readings passed to be enacted.

A bill for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the Litchfield and Merrimac library, having had three feveral readings passed to be enacted.

The committee appointed to take into confideration the act establishing an equitable method of making rates and taxes, &c. reported, polls from 18 to 70 years of age, excepting those from 18 to 21 enrolled in the militia; infructors and students of colleges, ordained ministers, preceptors of academies, paupers and idiots, one dollar thirty four cents; orchard land on each acre, twenty five cents; tillage land each acre, fixteen

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senis; pasture land each acre, seven cents; stallions and stud Horses that have been wintered three winters, sive dollars; Horses wintered sive winters, sixty six cents; horses wintered four winters, sifty cents; horses wintered three winters, thirty four cents; horses wintered two winters, sixteen cents; oxen wintered sive winters, sifty cents; cows wintered sive winters, thirty four cents; all neat stock wintered four winters, twenty five cents; all neat stock wintered three winters, sixteen cents; all neat stock wintered two winters, eight cents; all other taxable estate the same as stated in the act aforesaid;—which report being read and considered, voted that it be received and accepted, and that a bill be brought in accordingly.

The Speaker being called out on business for a short time, motion was made for the choice of a Speaker protempore, and the ballots being taken, William Plumer, Esquire, was unanimously chosen.

The committee on the petition of Tilton Bennett, reported that the prayer thereof be granted and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly; which report being read and confidered, was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. Tyler, Mr. Parfons and Mr. Sparhawk be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Nathaniel Hall and Jonathan Chase, jun. and report thereon.

Upon reading and confidering the petition of Joshua Shaw and the report of a committee thereon, voted that the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the fourth Wednesday of the present session, and that

the petitioner cause that Thomas Fellows the petitionee, be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, eight days prior to said day of hearing, that he may then appear and shew cause (if any he hath) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

#### Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

The committee to draught an answer to His Excellency's address reported as follows:

#### May it please your Excellency,

It is with great fatisfaction that the House of Reprefentatives contemplate the pleasing employment assigned them by their constituents,—of correcting the errors, if any, in the existing laws, passing new acts, redressing public grievances, and adopting such other measures as are calculated to perpetuate the blessings of a free government; and it is with additional pleasure, that we rely on your abilities, integrity and promptness, to aid and assist us in effecting those important objects.

Coming as we do, from all parts of the State, and having the means of knowing the fentiments of our constituents, it is with confidence that we assure you, that but one opinion pervades the State respecting the measures of our Federal Government.

That we are thoroughly perfuaded the General Government has adopted and steadily pursued every pacific measure, consistent with the honor, dignity and security of an independent nation, to compromise existing differences with the French republic. It is matter of regret and indignation that that republic is yet opposed to the most equitable

equitable terms of reconciliation. The fill continues to infult our government, trample on our rights, invade and destroy our commerce, and infiduously propagates the false and dangerous idea, that the government and people of United America are divided; but be affured Sir, that the people of this State, and their Representatives with unshaken and unabating confidence rely on the wisdom, integrity, vigilance and firmness of our National Government, to adopt every necessary measure to maintain and defend our dear bought rights and priviledges; and that we and our constituents are ready to rally round the standard of our government, and defend it at the expence of our blood and treasure, against the machinations and violence of a foreign power, afpiring to universal domination.

We lament that fo many instances have occurred in this country, in which periodical publications have been the vehicles of flander and calumny against the Guardians of its rights, and that any American should be so degenerate, as to abuse and vilify an ADAMS or a WASH-

A law for establishing a new proportion of public taxes; and the existing state of the Treasury, are objects worthy of our confideration.

The Resolutions of the Legislatures of Massachusetts and Connecticut are of fuch an important nature, and come from fources fo respectable, as merit and shall receive our candid attention.

Which report being read and confidered was received and accepted, and voted that Mr. Plumer, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Weeks, Mr. N. Parker, and Mr. Faxon be a committee to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and present him with the foregoing answer to his address.

The vote of this day on the report of the committee respecting the valuation of taxable articles, exemption of persons from taxation, &c. was returned from the Senate for the following amendment, "That instructors of Colleges and preceptors of Academies shall not be exempted from taxation," which amendment was read and concurred.

The committee on the petition of Moses Hoyt, reported that the petition be dismissed, which report was accepted.

Voted that Mr. N. White, Mr. N. Clough, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Rand, and Mr. Ruffell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the existing militia laws of this State, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary.

Voted that Mr. Mooney, Mr. Eames, and Mr. L. Willard be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Joseph Blanchard, and Edwards Bucknam, Esq'rs. respecting a road through Whitesield and other towns, and report thereon.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Saturday, December 1, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL to alter the name of the town of Raby, having had three feveral readings passed to be anacted.

A bill to incorporate that part of the town of Rochefter, in the county of Strafford, commonly called the Northwest parish, into a separate town by the name of Farmington, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. N. Parker, and Mr. French be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the propriety and expediency of passing an act, for punishing those persons who shall counterfeit or pass when counterfeited, the current coin of this State, and if they judge proper to report a bill for that purpose.

Voted that Mr. Bettan be added to the committee for taking under confideration the existing laws of this State, and report amendments, &c.

Voted that Mr. Bartlett, Mr. N. White, and Mr. Blasdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the act for regulating weights and measures, passed Dec. 9, 1797, and report thereon.

A bill for incorporating certain perfons by the name of the proprietors of the Tyngsborough and Dunstable library, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

The committee on the petition of Nathaniel Snow and others, a committee for Bethlehem, praying for an incorporation, reported in favor of a day of hearing, where upon voted that the petitioners be heard thereon, before the General Court on the second Wednesday of the next session, and that the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition and order of court thereon, be published in the New-Hampshire Gazette three weeks successively, commencing

commencing fix weeks prior to faid day of hearing, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. Frink and Mr. A. Moody be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to nominate to this House, six persons out of whom for three to be appointed to settle the accounts between this State and the Treasurer thereof, in the recess of the General Court.

Voted that Mr. Whipple, Mr. Abbott, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. Rust, Mr. French, Mr. Jackman, Mr. S. Stevens, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Blassell and Mr. Eames be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the law of this State for dividing the same into counties, and report such alterations as they shall judge necessary.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

### Monday, December 3, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Carlton, Mr. Bedel and Mr. Gerrish be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Nathaniel Whitemore and others, praying for liberty to build a toll bridge over Connecticut river from Piermont to Bradford, and report thereon.

Voted

Voted that the petition of Winthrop Robinson and others, praying for a division of the tenth regiment of militia be referred to the committee on the petition of Benjamin Philbrook and others, and that they report thereon.

Voted that Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. D. Emerson and Mr. Richardson be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the subject matter of giving encouragement to an Armourer or Armourers to set up and pursue the business of Armourer in this State, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Carlton, Mr. Rankin and Mr. Whipple be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the law of this State for the preservation of Deer, and report on the propriety of repealing the same.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. Young, Mr. Fisk, Mr. A. Moore and Mr. Crawford be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the act for the better observation of the Lord's day, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Blasdell and Mr. Crosby be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration that part of the act for taxing the lands of non-residents which respects the collector's sees, and report thereon.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### Tuesday, December 4, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Young, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Kimball and Mr. Blafdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what falaries shall be allowed the several officers of the civil list, also what allowance shall be made the Members of the honorable Council, Senate, House of Representatives and their officers for travel and attendance the present session.

Voted that Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Abbott and Mr. Duncan be a committee to take under confideration a bill to vest in Tilton Bennet, his heirs and assigns the priviledge of a ferry, &c. and report thereon.

The committee on the petition of Nathaniel Hall and Jonathan Chafe, jun. reported that a day of hearing be affigned fome day in the next fession, but the report was not accepted; voted that the prayer of faid petition be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

The committee appointed to confider of the propriety of classing the towns of Middletown and Brookfield, for fending a Representative to the General Court and of all similar matters; reported that said towns of Middletown and Brookfield be classed for the purpose of sending a Member to the General Court in suture, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. Moore, Mr. Plumer and Mr. Joseph Clarke Clark be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the act entitled, "an act directing the proceedings against the trustees of absconding debtors," and report such amendments or a new bill as to them may appear necessary.

Voted that Mr. Drowne, Mr. Boynton and Mr. Gale be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the account of Henry Ranlett and of all printers accounts that may be presented the present session, and report thereon.

A petition from George Hough was read and referred to the committee on the petitions of Moses Davis and Charles Pierce, and that they report thereon.

The committee on brigade infpector's accounts, and on the propriety of their being entitled to pay for their fervices; reported that they have taken the duties of that office into confideration, and are of opinion that those officers are entitled to compensation; and that Nathan Taylor have and receive twelve dollars and fifty cents in full for his account—which report being read and confidered, was received and accepted, and resolved that said sum be paid out of the treasury.

The committee also reported that Rusus Graves receive thirty-five dollars in full for his account, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and resolved that said sum of thirty-five dollars be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. J. Barrett and Mr. J. Stevens be a committee on the part of this House, to join such

such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under confideration the act for taking affidavits out of Court, and report such amendments or a new bill, as to them shall appear necessary.

### Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

The parties to the petition from Allenstown, &c. were heard, but no determination had thereon.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Wednesday, December 5, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL enabling Randolph Freeman to assume the name of Peyton in addition to and next preceding his christian name Randolph, having had three se ral readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of Londonderry library, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

The committee on the petition of John Taylor, reported in favour of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that the petitioner be heard on faid petition this day before the General Court.

Voted

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. Drowne and Mr. Weeks be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Deborah Shackford, praying for liberty to sell land for her support, her husband Josiah Shackford being absent and disordered in his mind, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. J. Waldron, Mr. T. Leavitt and Mr. P. Putnam be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration a statement of the sire arms belonging to this State, which have been lent to fundry persons, and receive such other communication from the Commissary General as he may make, and report their opinion respecting the same.

#### Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

A bill for incorporating certain perfons by the name of the proprietors of Pembrook library, having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of Concord library, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill for incorporating certain perfons by the name of the proprietors of the focial library in Dunbarton, having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill to repeal an act intitled, "An act for the better preservation and increase of deer within this State,"

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passed November the twenty-first, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight; having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on petitions.

The parties concerned in three petitions were heard but the determinations thereon were postponed until to-morrow.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Thursday, December 6, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

VOTED that Mr. Crawford, Mr. Connor and Mr. Jofeph Clark, be a committee to take under confideration the returns made the present selsion of the several elections of Members for filling the vacancies in the House, and report thereon.

Refumed the confideration of the petitions which were heard yesterday.

Upon confidering the petition of Salah Howe, praying for the priviledge of a ferry over Connecticut river, voted that the prayer thereof be granted, and that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Voted that the determination on the petition of the inhabitants of Allenstown, be postponed to Thursday next, and that Mr. Gerrish, Mr. J. Palmer and Mr. Young, be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to view at the expence of Pembrook the situation of Pembrook, together with the situation of several inhabitants of Allenstown and Chester, living near Merrimac river, and report thereon, on said day.

Upon confidering the petition of John Taylor, in behalf of the proprietors of Morristown, voted that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The determination on the petition from Sharon was further postponed.

A bill authorizing Nath'l Hall and Jonathan Chafe, jun. to dispose of a part of the real estate of Jonathan Chafe, Esq. having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Jabez Smith and Mr. James Smith, be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of William Sanborn and others, inhabitants of Kingstown, praying to be annexed to the East parish in Kingstown and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Langdon, Mr. N. Parker, and Mr. Connor be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Ephraim Root and Phebe Root, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Bettan and Mr. John Smith be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the D 2 petition

petition of James Dow and Thomas Dow, respecting a debt due to the State, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. M'Gregore, Mr. Gerrish and Mr. Pinkerton be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Samuel Blodget, Esq. respecting his canal at Amoskeig falls, and report thereon.

A petition from John Taylor was read and referred to the committee on the petition of Roswell Hubbard and others, and that they report thereon.

Voted that Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Connor, Mr. Blasdell and Mr. Pierce be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what method they shall judge most eligible to be pursued in examining the returns of rateable estate, and determining the value at which each town shall stand.

The committee on the statement and communications of the Commissary General, reported that the guns, bayonets, &c. now in the hands of President Wheelock, remain there until the Commissary General shall think necessary to call for them, and that the Commissary General be directed to collect all other guns, bayonets, and military apparatus of every kind belonging to this State, from the several persons they have been loaned to, in such manner as he shall conceive most expedient, and that he report his proceedings thereon at the next session of the General Court; which report being read and considered was received and accepted.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Voted that Mr. Thompson, Mr. Armor and Mr. Lane be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of the selectmen of Marlow, also the petition of Aaron Matson and others, and likewise of the petition of Elijah Frink, in behalf of the proprietors of Marlow, and report on said petitions.

Voted that Mr. Plumer, Mr. Bettan and Mr. Whipple be a committee to take under confideration a bill for taxing land in the town of Chatham, and report such amendments as they judge necessary.

A committee on the petition of William Sanborn and others, reported that the prayer of the petition cannot conflitutionally be granted, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, which report was accepted.

The committee on the petition of James Dow and Thomas Dow reported that the prayer of faid petition be granted, provided the money can be fecured to be paid in one year with interest; which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

The committee to consider of the petition of Samuel Blodget, Esquire, reported that the prayer thereof be so far granted, as that the petitioner have leave to bring in a bill; which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

The committee to take under confideration the act for taking affidavits out of Court, reported that no al-

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teration in the act is necessary; which report being read and considered, was accepted.

Voted that Mr. Duncan, Mr. Carleton and Mr. Grout be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of the selectmen of Springsield, and reportthereon.

Refumed the confideration of the petition from Sharon, &c. and after fully confidering the same, voted that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The committee to report what method they judge most eligible to be pursued in examining the returns of rateable estate, and determining the value at which each town shall stand, reported that in order to determine the value at which each town shall stand in the inventory, it will be expedient for the Legislature to go into a committee of the whole; which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

The committee on the petition of Deborah Shackford reported that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her petition, which report was accepted.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Friday, December 7, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

HE following vote came down from the Senate for concurrence:

#### In SENATE, Dec. 6, 1798.

Voted that Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Fogg and Mr. Hale be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the House of Representatives, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the expediency of having the unlocated lands belonging to this State, surveyed and laid out into townships, and the quantity and quality thereof made known, and to report what method shall be taken for that purpose; which report was read and considered, and Mr. W. White, Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. Kimball, Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. Mooney and Mr. Bedel appointed.

Voted that Mr. Riddle, Mr. Edwards and Mr. Noyes be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of Joseph Bell, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. True, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Young, Mr. John Smith, Mr. R. Parker, Mr. S. Stevens, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Fairfield and Mr. Blasdell be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to take into consideration the propriety of creeding a prison for the use of this State, some what similar to the one mentioned in Turnbull's account of the Philadelphia prison, and report thereon.

A bill for incorporating certain perfons by the name of the proprietors of the focial library in Weare, having had three feveral readings, paffed to be enacted.

A bill in addition to an act for laying a tax on the lands in Danbury, to be laid out in repairing a road in faid town, passed June the fixteenth, one thousand seven hundred

hundred and ninety-fix: having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

The Senate and House being met in committee of the whole in the Representatives' chamber, for the purpose of examining the returns, and determining the sum at which each town shall stand, made choice of the honorable Amos Shepherd, Esquire, Chairman of said committee, and proceeded to examine and determine on the returns from Allenstown, Atkinson, Bow, Brentwood and Candia; the committee then rose with leave to sit again, and the Speaker took the chair.

#### Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

Voted that Mr. N. White, Mr. Joseph Clark and Mr. Bettan be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the petition of John Porter, Esquire, and report thereon.

The committee on the petition of Joseph Bell, reported that he be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of this State, the ium of thirty dollars, which report being read and considered was received and accepted, and resolved that an order issue for payment of said sum.

Proceeded to the choice of a Senator, and the Honorable Samuel Livermore, Esq. is elected a Senator to represent this State in the Congress of the United States, for the term of six years from and after the fourth day of March next.

The committee on the petition of John Porter, Efq. reported

reported in favor of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that the petitioner be heard thereon before the General Court on the first Tuesday of the next session, and that the petitioner cause that David Webster, Esq. be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, eight weeks prior to said day of hearing, that he may then appear and shew cause why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

The vote for granting the prayer of the petition of James Dow and Thomas Dow, was returned by the Senate, and the following vote was fent up—Upon reading and confidering the petition of James Dow and Thomas Dow, and the report of a committee thereon, voted that the prayer thereof be granted, provided the money be fecured to be paid in one year from this date with interest, and the cost be now paid by faid petitioners, and that the Treasurer govern himself accordingly.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Saturday, December 8, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE Senate and House being again assembled in committee of the whole, his Honor the President requested to be excused from the office of Chairman, which request being granted, William Plumer, Esquire, was chosen Chairman. Proceeded to examine the inventories returned from seventeen towns, made several remarks, &c. the return from Newington referred to the committee on the inventories. The committee then rose.

rose and the House adjourned to Monday next, at 3. o'clock, P. M.

# Monday, December 10, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE Speaker and Speaker Protempore being absent, motion was made for the choice of a Speaker Protempore, and Woodbury Langdon, Esquire, was chosen, who declined, and Nahum Parker, Esq. was chosen.

The Senate and House being again assembled in committee of the whole, the Chairman being absent, Nahum Parker, Esq. was chosen Chairman—Proceeded to the examination of the returns from several towns, after which the committee rose and the House

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Tuesday, December 11, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

BILL to vest in Tilton Bennet, his heirs and affigns, for the term of forty years, unless the Legislature shall judge proper to grant liberty for building a bridge within said limits, the sole and exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry over Pemiggawasset river, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

The committee on the petition of the felectmen of Marlow

Marlow, also of the petition of Aaron Matson and others, and likewise the petition of Elijah Frink, reported in favor of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the first Tuesday of the next session, and that they cause that the selectmen of Stoddard be served with a copy of said petition and order of Court thereon, ten weeks prior to said day of hearing, that they may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

The Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine the remainder of the returns from the county of Rockingham; the committee then rose, and the House

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

Met accordingly.

The Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine the inventories returned from the county of Strafford, and after having examined a number of said returns, the committee rose and the House

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Wednesday, December 12, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine the remainder

mainder of the returns from the county of Strafford; the committee then rose and the House

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

The Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine the returns from the county of Hillsborough, and after examining a number of said returns the committee rose and the Speaker took his chair.

Voted that the hearing on the petition of Joshua Shaw, which was to have been this day before the General Court be postponed until to-morrow, of which all perfons concerned are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## Thursday, December 13, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Salem; having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Salisbury; having had three several readings, passed to be enacted. The Senate and House being again assembled in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine returns from the county of Hillsborough, and after examining a number of said returns, the committee rose and the House Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

## Met accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day proceeded to a hearing on the petition of Joshua Shaw.

Upon hearing and confidering the petition of Joshua Shaw, motion was made to dismiss said petition, on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

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YEAS.	Mr. Carr.
Mr. Langdon,	Mr. W. Palmer,
Mr. Drowne,	
Mr. N. White,	Mr. Young,
Mr. Weeks,	Mr. Shepherd,
Mr. Parfons,	Mr. N. Clough,
Mr. Whipple,	Mr. Dow,
Mr. E. Brown,	Mr. R. Parker,
Mr. Goodwin,	Mr. Forster,
	Mr. D. Emerson,
Mr. Plumer,	Mr. Fifk,
Mr. James Smith,	Mr. Farley,
Mr. M'Crilles,	Mr. C. Barrett,
Mr. T. Clough,	
Mr. Abbott,	Mr. Bixby,
Mr. Wilfon,	Mr. E. Putnam,
Mr. Godfrey,	Mr. Edwards,
Mr. True,	Mr. Nefmith,
Mr. Gile,	Mr. Alcock,
Mr. A. Moody,	Mr. Pierce,
Mir. A. Moddy,	Mr. Tobie,
Mr. J. Waldron,	Mr. Storey,
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Mr. Gale,
Mr. Gerrifh,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Tyler,
Mr. Thorndike,
Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. Moore,
Mr. Sparhawk,
Mr. Grout,
Mr. Beckwith,
Mr. Robinfon,

### NAYS.

Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. W. White. Mr. Pickering, Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Jabez Smith, Mr. Jenness, Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Noyes, Mr. Jona. Clark, Mr. Tibbetts, Mr. Knox, Mr. Drew, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Armor, Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Boody, Mr. Harper, Mr. Wingate,

Mr. Seaward,
Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Josiah Brown,
Mr. Crawford,
Mr. Burley,
Mr. Slade,
Mr. Carlton,
Mr. Quimby,
Mr. Eames,
Mr. Rankin,
Mr. Curtis.

#### NAYS.

Mr. Boynton, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Ruft, Mr. Hodgdon, Mr. Jona. Palmer, Mr. C. Leavitt, Mr. O. Hall, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Riddle, Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. Dinfmore, Mr. P. Putnam, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Adams, Mr. N. Clark, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Philbrook, Mr. S. Stevens, Mr. Hale,

Mr. L. Willard,	Mr. Griffin,
Mr. Frink,	Mr. Tayntor,
Mr. Hooker,	Mr. N. Parker
Mr. Rand,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. J. Stevens	Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Chafe,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Blafdell,
Mr. J. Moody,	Mr. Porter,
Mr. E. Hall,	Mr. Fairfield,
Mr. N. Emerson,	Mr. Bedel,
Mr. Morfe,	Mr. Ruffell.

62 yeas-68 nays: So the motion did not prevail.

Voted that the prayer of the petition of Joshua Shaw be granted, and that he have leave to bring in a bill accordingly.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## Friday, December 14, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL in addition to the laws relating to proprietory matters, having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee to view the fituation of Pembrook, together with the fituation of feveral inhabitants of Allenstown and Chester, living near Merrimac river; reported that having viewed the fituation of the towns of Allenstown and Pembrook, are of opinion that Pembrook E 2

build the upper bridge and the easterly half of the lower bridge over Suncook river, and keep the same in repair; they further report that it would be convenient for those families living in Allenstown and Chester near Merrimac river as far down as the mile stone, marked sixteen, to be annexed to Pembrook—which report was read and considered, but was not accepted.

Proceeded to a determination on the petition from Allenstown, and voted that the prayer thereof be granted, so far as that they have leave to bring in a bill to extend the east boundary line of Pembrook adjoining to Allenstown, to the easterly side of the river.

The Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine the inventories; the committee rose and the House

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

## Met accordingly.

The Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to the examination of inventories, and after examining those returned from the county of Hillsborough, the committee rose, and the House

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Saturday, December 15, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the accounts of brigade infpectors, reported that Francis Blood, jr. have and receive ceive out of the treasury twenty-two dollars and fifty cents, in full for his account, which report being read and confidered, was received and accepted, and resolved that said sum of twenty-two dollars and fifty cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

The Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine inventories from the county of Cheshire, and after examining a number of said returns, the committee rose, and the House

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

## Monday, December 17, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine inventories, and after examining those returned from the county of Cheshire, the committee rose, and the House Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Tuesday, December 18, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

Thompson be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, E 3

to confider of the petition of Jonathan Jackson and John Bromfield, and report thereon.

The Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine the inventories returned from the county of Grafton, and after examining a number of said returns, the committee rose, and the House

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

The Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, proceeded to examine inventories, and after examining a number of said returns, the committee rose, and the House

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Wednesday, December 19, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

HE Senate and House being again met in committee of the whole, compleated the examination of the inventories; the committee then rose, and the Speaker took the chair; the chairman then reported a statement of the alterations which were deemed necessary, which report was considered and accepted, and voted that the committee who cast the inventories be requested to take said report and make the alterations conformable thereto, and report the sum at which each town or place stands, or may stand after said alterations are made.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met

A bill for altering the time of holding the annual town meeting in the town of Northwood; having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Lempster, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Mooney and Mr. Harper be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the petition of George W. Livermore and others, respecting a road, and report thereon.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Thursday, December 20, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL granting to Joshua Shaw a new trial in an action heretofore determined by referees, between faid Shaw and Thomas Fellows, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill for taxing land in the town of Landaff, having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee on the petition of Nathaniel Whittemore and others, reported in favour or a day of hearing, whereupon whereupon voted that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the first Tuesday of the next session, and that the petitioners cause that the substance of the petition and order of Court thereon, be published three weeks successively in the Eagle, or Dartmouth Centinel, commencing six weeks prior to said day of hearing, also cause that a like copy and order be posted up in some public place in the town of Piermont, the like term of time prior to said day, that any person or persons may then appear and shew cause (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

A bill to incorporate Samuel Blodget, Esquire, and others his associates, with the exclusive right and privilege of cutting a canal by Amoskeig falls on Merrimac river and locking the same, having had three several readings, motion was made that it pass to be enasted, on which motion the year and nays were called and are as follows, viz.

#### YEAS.

Mr. Langdon,
Mr. Drowne,
Mr. N. White,
Mr. Connor,
Mr. Pinkerton,
Mr. W. White,
Mr. Weeks,
Mr. Parfons,
Mr. Whipple,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Jofeph Brown,
Mr. Jabez Smith,
Mr. Jennefs,
Mr. Sanborn,

#### YEAS.

Mr. Noyes,
Mr. Jona. Clard,
Mr. Morrill,
Mr. M'Crillis,
Mr. T. Clough,
Mr. Knox,
Mr. Drew,
Mr. Wilfon,
Mr. Godfrey,
Mr. True,
Mr. Gale,
Mr. Bettan,
Mr. A. Moody,
Mr. J. Waldron,
Mr. Thompson,

Mr. Carr, Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. W. Palmer, Mr. J. Waldron, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. N. Clough, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Hodgdon, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. O. Hall, Mr. Greeley, Mr. R. Parker, Mr. Riddle, Mr. M'Gregore, Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. Dinfmore, Mr. Bixby, Mr. John Smith,

Mr. Nefmith. Mr. Alcock, Mr. N. Clark, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Storey, Mr. Jackman, Mr. S. Stevens, Mr. Thorndike, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Rand, Mr. Grout, Mr. J. Moody, Mr. Tayntor, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Porter, Mr. Ruffell, Mr. Carlton.

## NAYS.

Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Barnard,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Tibbetts,
Mr. Abbott,
Mr. Tilton,
Mr. Young,
Mr. Wingate,
Mr. Dow,
Mr. Ruft,
Mr. Gilman,
Mr. D. Emerson,
Mr. Farley,
Mr. C. Barrett,

## NAYS.

Mr. P. Putnam,
Mr. E. Putnam,
Mr. E. Putnam,
Mr. Edwards,
Mr. Brooks,
Mr. Adams,
Mr. Pierce,
Mr. Tobie,
Mr. Gerrifh,
Mr. Davis,
Mr. Philbrook,
Mr. Hale,
Mr. L. Willard,
Mr. Hooker,
Mr. Sparhawk,

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Mr. Josiah Stevens,	Mr. N. Parker.
Mr. Lane,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Beckwith,	Mr. Duncan,
Mr. E. Hall,	Mr. Josiah Brown
Mr. Robinson,	Mr. Burley,
Mr. N. Emerson,	Mr. Slade,
Mr. Faxon,	Mr. Fairfield,
Mr. Morfe,	Mr. Bedel,
Mr. Griffin,	Mr. Quimby,
Mr. Seaward,	Mr. Rankin.

69 yeas-48 nays: So the motion prevailed

#### Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

A bill to extend the easterly and southerly line of the town of Pembrook, in the county of Rockingham, adjoining upon Allenstown, to the easterly and southerly bank of Suncook river, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Resolved that the account of Ozias Silsby amounting to fix dollars and seventy cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. N. Parker and Mr. Jofeph Clark be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take under consideration the escheat act, and report thereon; also report with respect to the power therein given to the Attorney General, and particularly define the same.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Friday, December 21, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the petition of Moses Davis and other printers, reported that it will not be expedient at present to remove the State printing from the office and town in which it is now done; which report being read and considered, motion was made that it be accepted, on which motion the yeas and nays were called and are as follows, viz.

#### YEAS.

Mr. Langdon, Mr. Drowne, Mr. N. White, Mr. Connor, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. W. White, Mr. Pickering, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Parfons, Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Whipple, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. Jabez Smith, Mr. James Smith, Mr. Jenness, Mr. Cilley, Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Jona. Clark,

#### YEAS.

Mr. Tibbetts. Mr. Wilfon, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Tilton, Mr. True, Mr. Bettan, Mr. A. Moody Mr. J. Waldron, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. W. Palmer, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Boody, Mr. Young, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. N. Clough, Mr. Wingate, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Richardson. Mr. Ruft, Mr. Hodgdon,

Mr. Palmer, Mr. C. Leavitt, Mr. O. Hall, Mr. Gilman. Mr. Greeley, Mr. French, Mr. Forster, Mr. Riddle,

Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. John Smith,

NAYS.

Mr. Barnard, Mr. Noyes, Mr. M'Crillis, Mr. T. Clough, Mr. Tibbetts,

Mr. Abbott. Mr. Gile, Mr. Harper,

Mr. Dow, Mr. R. Parker,

Mr. D. Emerson, Mr. Fifk,

Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. Dinfmore,

Mr. Bixby, Mr. P. Putnam, Mr. E. Putnam,

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Brooks,

Mr. Nefmith, Mr. Alcock,

Mr. Adams, Mr. N. Clark,

Mr. Bayley,

Mr. Tobie,

Mr. Pierce, Mr. Frink,

Mr. Thorndike, Mr. Rand,

Mr. Grout, Mr. Morfe,

Mr. Griffin, Mr. Tayntor,

Mr. N. Parker.

NAYS.

Mr. Storey, Mr. Gale,

Mr. Gerrish,

Mr. Jackman, Mr. Philbrook,

Mr. S. Stevens,

Mr. Hale, Mr. L. Willard,

Mr. Tyler, Mr. S. Smith. Mr. Hooker,

Mr. Sparhawk,

Mr. Josiah Stevens Mr. Lane,

Mr. Beckwith,

Mr. J. Moody, Mr. E. Hall,

Mr. Robinson,

Mr. N. Emerson, Mr. Faxon,

Mr. Seward,

Mr. Kimball, Mr. Duncan,

Mr. Mooney,

Mr. Josiah Brown,

Mr. Crawford, Mr. Burley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Slade, Mr. Porter, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Bedel, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Quimby, Mr. Eames, Mr. Curtis.

63 yeas-62 nays: So the motion prevailed.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Gale, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Fairfield be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the account of David Webster, Esq. and of all Sheriffs accounts that may be presented the present session, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Whipple, Mr. Dow and Mr. Tibbets be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider the account of Richard Kimball and Noah Eastman, selectmen of Conway, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Jonathan Clark and Mr. Thompson be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of David Williams, respecting the support of a poor person, and report thereon.

Refolved that the account of John Calfe, amounting to twenty-one dollars and eighty-nine cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

The committee on the petition of the selectmen of Bridgewater, and of the inhabitants of New-Chester, re-

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ported that the towns of Bridgewater and Alexandria, be classed, and the towns of New-Chester and Danbury be classed, for the purpose of sending Representatives to the General Court, and that the petitioners have leave to bring in a resolve accordingly.

#### Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

#### Met accordingly.

A bill to incorporate certain perfons by the name of the proprietors of Marlborough library, having had three feveral readings passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Thorndike and Mr. Carlton be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report what business is necessary to be done the present session, when this Court may adjourn and where the General Court shall meet in June next.

Voted that Mr. Bettan be one of the committee for nominating a committee to fettle with the Treasurer, in the room of Mr. Langdon, who is absent.

Voted that Mr. Pierce, Mr. S. Stevens and Mr. W. White be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the account of Daniel Warner, Esq. and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. Eames, Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. Young and Mr. Whipple be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to take into consideration the pro-

priety of having an accurate furvey made of the feveral town lines, with the principal roads and rivers in each town in the State of New-Hampshire, for the purpose of drawing a correct map of faid State, and report thereon.

Voted that Mr. Cilley, Mr. N. Parker and Mr. Bettan be a committee to take under confideration a bill allowing a premium for killing crows, and report fuch alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary.

Voted that Mr. Weeks, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. James Smith, Mr. Joseph Clark and Mr. T. Leavitt be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of William Hale, Esq. and others, proprietors of Portsmouth bridge, praying that said bridge and the buildings and lands belonging thereto, may be exempted from taxes, &c. and report thereon.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Saturday, December 22, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

R ESOLVED, that the towns of New-Chester and Danbury be classed, to fend a Representative, and also the towns of Bridgewater and Alexandria be classed to send a Representative to the General Court, in suture.

A bill to vest in Salah Howe, his heirs and assigns, the privilege of keeping a ferry over a certain part of F 2 Connecticut Connecticut river, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

The committee to take into confideration the law of this State, for dividing the fame into counties, reported that it will not be expedient to proceed in making any alterations in the counties of this State the prefent seffion, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

The committee on the petition of William Hale, Esq. and others, reported that the prayer of said petition be granted, which report being read and considered was received and accepted, and leave granted to bring in a bill accordingly.

The following vote came down from the Honorable Senate for concurrence.

IN SENATE, DEC. 22, 1798.

Voted that Mr. Blanchard, Mr. Orr and Mr. Hale be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join fuch of the House of Representatives, as they may appoint, to make a proportion to every thousand dollars of the public taxes, which each town, parish or place within this State shall annually pay, and report a bill accordingly, which vote was read and concurred and Mr. Bettan, Mr. E. Thompson, Mr. Alcock, Mr. Blasdell and Mr. N. Parker appointed.

Voted that Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. N. Parker and Mr. Bartlett be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report a bill directing the proportion each town shall raise for the support of schools in this State.

Adjourned to Monday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

# Monday, December 24, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

THE committee on the accounts of brigade infpectors, reported that Joseph Dow have and receive twenty-three dollars in full for his account, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and a resolve for payment passed accordingly.

The committee to take under confideration the escheat act, reported that it would not be expedient at present to make any alteration in the escheat act, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

A bill in addition to, and also to explain part of an act, entitled, "an act to establish the sees of collectors, in the sale of nonresidents lands for taxes," passed Dec. 15, 1796, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee on the account of Daniel Warner, Esquire, reported that said account amounting to thirty-feven dollars and forty-two cents, be allowed and paid out of the money appropriated by the General Court at their last session, for furnishing the militia of this State with brass-field pieces, and that a resolve pass accordingly; which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and a resolve was passed accordingly.

Voted That Mr. Young, Mr. Duncan and Mr. Jenness be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to procure five hundred printed copies of the laws of the United States for raising and collecting a tax on houses, lands, &c. in

the faid United States, and lay the same before this House as soon as may be.

Refolved that the account of Thomas Leavitt, Esquire, amounting to five dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Refolved that the account of William Plumer, Esquire, amounting to five dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Voted that Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Fisk, Mr. L. Willard and Mr. Crawford be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to report in what manner the public acts passed the present session shall be distributed to the several towns in this State.

The committee on the account of Richard Kimball and Noah Eastman, selectmen of Conway, amounting to twelve dollars, reported that the same be allowed and paid out of the treasury; which report being read and confidered, was received and accepted, and a resolve passed accordingly.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Tuesday, December 25, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL giving Samuel Gibson and others, leave to draw seines near Natticook brook, and to prevent

in some degree the operation of "an act to prevent the destruction of salmon, shad and alewives in Merrimac river, and for repealing all the laws heretofore made for that purpose," passed Dec. 20, 1797, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill to incorporate certain persons by the name of the Merrimac library, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill to further postpone the operation of an act, intitled, "an act to regulate scale-beams, steelyards, weights and measures," passed the twelfth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven—having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

On the second reading of a bill for altering the times of holding the Courts of Common Pleas in the counties Rockingham and Strafford, motion was made for altering the place of holding the court in the county of Strafford, that the word Gilmantown be struck out, and Rochester inserted—on which motion the yeas and nays were called and are as follows:

YEAS.
Mr. N. White,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Weeks,
Mr. Parfons,
Mr. T. Leavitt,
Mr. Whipple,
Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Bettan,
Mr. Thompfon,
Mr. Carr,
Mr. Joseph Clark,

YEAS.
Mr. W. Palmer,
Mr. Wingate,
Mr. Richardson,
Mr. Rust,
Mr. J. Palmer,
Mr. C. Leavitt,
Mr. O. Hall,
Mr. Gilman,
Mr. French,
Mr. Brooks,
Mr. E. Hall,

Mr.

Mr. Robinfon, Mr. Johnfon, Mr. Blafdell, Mr. Porter, Mr. Fairfield.

NAYS. Mr. Drowne, Mr. Connor, Mr. Pinkerton. Mr. W. White, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Jabez Smith, Mr. Jenness, Mr. Cilley, Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Noyes, Mr. Jona. Clark, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Tibbetts, Mr. M'Crillis, Mr. T. Clough, Mr. Knox, Mr. Drew, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Tilton, Mr. True, Mr. Gile, Mr. A. Moody, Mr. J. Waldron Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Boody, Mr. Harper, Mr. Young,

Mr. Bedel, Mr. Ruffell, Mr. Quimby, Mr. Eames, Mr. Curtis.

NAYS. Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Dow, Mr. Hodgdon, Mr. Greeley, Mr. R. Parker, Mr. Forster, Mr. Fifk, Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. Farley, Mr. C. Barrett. Mr. Dinfmore, Mr. Bixby, Mr. P. Putnam. Mr. E. Putnam, Mr. Edwards, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Nefmith, Mr. Adams, Mr. Pierce, Mr. N. Clark, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Tobie, Mr. Storey, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Davis, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Philbrook, Mr. S. Stevens,

Mr. Hale,
Mr. L. Willard,
Mr. Tyler,
Mr. Thorndike,
Mr. Hooker,
Mr. Sparhawk,
Mr. Josiah Stevens,
Mr. Lane,
Mr. Grout,
Mr. Beckwith,
Mr. J. Moody,
Mr. N. Emerson,
Mr. Morse,

Mr. Seaward,
Mr. Tayntor,
Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Mooney,
Mr. Jofiah Brown,
Mr. Crawford,
Mr. Burley,
Mr. Slade,
Mr. Carlton,
Mr. Fairfield,
Mr. Bedel,
Mr. Rankin.

32 yeas-86 nays: So the motion did not prevail.

The bill was then committed to the committee on public bills.

The following vote came down from the Senate for concurrence.

## In SENATE, Dec. 25, 1798.

Voted that Mr. Hartwell, Mr. Hoit and Mr. Orr be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join fuch of the House of Representatives as they may appoint, to nominate some one gentleman of the clergy to be appointed to preach an election sermon before the General Court in June next, which vote was read and concurred, and Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Young and Mr. Connor appointed.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, P. M.

### Met accordingly.

The committee to take into confideration the propriety and expediency of paffing an act for punishing perfons who shall counterfeit or pass when counterfeited the current coin of this State, and if they judge proper to report a bill for that purpose, reported that common law makes sufficient provision for the crimes designated, and therefore any statute concerning them is unnecessary, which report being read and considered was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Gerrish and Mr. Shepherd be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of James Bunten and others, inhabitants of Chester and Allenstown near Merrimac river, praying that they may be annexed to the town of Pembrook, and report thereon.

A bill for making and establishing a new proportion of public taxes among the feveral towns, parishes and places within this State, and to authorise the Treasurer to issue his warrants for levying the same annually, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

A bill to establish an equitable method of making rates and taxes, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

Refolved that His Excellency John Taylor Gilman, Esq. have and receive out of the treasury twelve hundred dollars, as a salary from June 1798 to June 1799, and that he take order accordingly.

Refolved that Oliver Peabody, Efq. have and receive out

out of the treasury of this State eight hundred dollars, falary as Treasurer of this State, from June 1798 to June 1799, which is to be considered in full for salary, office hire, stationary, &c.

Motion was made that Joshua Atherton, Esq. have and receive out of the treasury two hundred dollars for a salary as Attorney General, on which motion the year and nays were called, and are as follows.

YEAS.	
Mr. T. Leavitt,	
Mr. E. Brown,	
Mr. Rollins,	
Mr. Barnard,	
Mr. Goodwin,	
Mr. Jabez Smi	th
Mr. Plumer,	
Mr. Jenness,	
Mr. Cilley,	
Mr. Sanborn,	
Mr. Jona. Clar	k.
Mr. Morrill,	,
Mr. Tibbetts,	
Mr. M'Crillis,	
Mr. T. Clough	,
Mr. Knox,	
Mr. Drew,	
Mr. Wilfon,	
Mr. Godfrey,	
Mr. Tilton,	
Mr. True,	
Mr. Gile,	1
Mr. A. Moody	
Mr. J. Waldro	n,
Mr. Thompson	,

YEAS. Mr. Wingate, Mr. Dow, Mr. Gilman. Mr. Riddle. Mr. Bixby, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Adams. Mr. Bayley, Mr. Tobie, Mr. Gale. Mr. Davis. Mr. Philbrook, Mr. S. Stevens Mr. Hale, Mr. L. Willard, Mr. Tyler, Mr. S. Smith. Mr. Hooker, Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. Lane, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. Robinson. Mr. Faxon, Mr. N. Parker,

Mr.

Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. Young, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Blasdell, Mr. Slade,

Mr. Fairfield, NAYS.

Mr. Drowne, Mr. N. White, Mr. Connor, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. W. White,

Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Parfons,
Mr. Whipple,
Mr. Joseph Brown,

Mr. Bartlett, Mr. James Smith,

Mr. Bettan, Mr. Armor, Mr. Carr,

Mr. W. Palmer, Mr. I. Waldron,

Mr. Boody, Mr. Harper, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. N. Clough,

Mr. Boynton, Mr. Crosby,

Mr. Richardson, Mr. Rust, Mr. Hodgdon,

Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. C. Leavitt,

Mr. O. Hall, Mr. Greeley, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Quimby, Mr. Eames, Mr. Curtis.

NAYS.
Mr. Forster,
Mr. D. Emerson,
Mr. Fisk,
Mr. J. Barrett,
Mr. Farley,
Mr. C. Barrett,
Mr. Dinsmore,

Mr. P. Putnam, Mr. E. Putnam, Mr. Edwards,

Mr. Idwards, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Nefmith, Mr. Alcock,

Mr. Pierce, Mr. N. Clark, Mr. Storey,

Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Jackman,

Mr. Frink,
Mr. Thorndike,
Mr. Sparhawk,

Mr. Grout, Mr. J. Moody,

Mr. Griffin, Mr. Seward, Mr. Tayntor,

Mr. Kimball, Mr. Crawford,

Mr. Johnson,

Mr. R. Parker, Mr. French, Mr. Porter, Mr. Bedel.

61 yeas-62 nays: So the motion did not prevail.

Motion was then made that the Attorney General have and receive three hundred and thirty-four dollars, as reported by the committee—on which motion the yeas and nays were called and are as follows, viz.

#### YEAS.

Mr. Drowne, Mr. N. White, Mr. Connor, Mr. Pinkerton. Mr. W. White. Mr. Pickering, Mr. Weeks. Mr. Parfons. Mr. Whipple, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mr. Bartlett, Mr. James Smith, Mr. Bettan. Mr. Armor, Mr. Carr, Mr. W. Palmer, Mr. Boody, Mr. Harper, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. N. Clough, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Ruft, Mr. Hodgdon,

### YEAS.

Mr. J. Palmer. Mr. C. Leavitt, Mr. Greeley, Mr. R. Parker. Mr. French, Mr. Forster, Mr. D. Emerson, Mr. Fisk, Mr. J. Barrett. Mr. Farley, Mr. C. Barrett. Mr. P. Putnam, Mr. E. Putnam, Mr. Edwards, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Nefmith. Mr. Alcock, Mr. Pierce, Mr. N. Clark, Mr. Storey, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Frink, Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Grout, Mr. Griffin,

Mr. Seaward, Mr. Tayntor,

### NAYS.

Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. E. Brown, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Goodwin, Mr. Jabez Smith, Mr. Plumer, Mr. Jenness, Mr. Cilley, Mr. Sanborn, Mr. Jona. Clark, Mr. Morrill, Mr. M'Crillis, Mr. T. Clough, Mr. Knox, Mr. Drew, Mr. Wilfon, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Tilton, Mr. True, Mr. Gile, Mr. Moody, Mr. J. Waldron, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Young, Mr. Wingate, Mr. Dow, Mr. O. Hall, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Riddle,

Mr. Kimball, Mr. Jofiah Brown.

#### NAYS.

Mr. Dinfmore, Mr. Bixby, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Adams, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Tobie, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Davis, Mr. Philbrook, Mr. S. Stevens, Mr. Hale, Mr. L. Willard, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Thorndike. Mr. Hooker, Mr. Rand, Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. Lane, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. J. Moody, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. Robinfon, Mr. Faxon, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Burley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Blafdell, Mr. Slade,

Mr. Porter, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Bedel, Mr. Ruffell, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Quimby, Mr. Rankin. Mr. Eames, Mr. Curtis.

54 yeas-73 nays: So the motion did not prevail.

Refolved, that Joshua Atherton, Esq. have and receive out of the treasury of this State, two hundred and fifty dollars, for a falary as Attorney General, from June 1798, to June 1799.

Refolved, that George Gains, Efq. have and receive out of the treasury forty dollars, for a falary as Comissary General, from June 1798, to June 1799.

On that part of the report which was, that the members of the Hon. Council, Senate and House of Representatives, receive two dollars per day each, for their attendance, motion was made to accept the same, on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

YEAS.
Mr. Drowne,
Mr. N. White,
Mr. Connor,
Mr. W. White,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. Weeks,
Mr. Parfons,
Mr. T. Leavitt,
Mr. Whipple,
Mr. Rollins,
Mr. Jofeph Brown,
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YEAS.
Mr. Barnard,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Bartlett,
Mr. James Smith,
Mr. Jennefs,
Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Jona. Clark,
Mr. Knox,
Mr. Bettan,
Mr. Armor,
Mr. J. Waldron,

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Carr, Mr. Joseph Clark, Mr. W. Palmer, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Boody, Mr. Harper, Mr. Young, Mr. N. Clough, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Dow, Mr. Crofby, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Ruft, Mr. Hodgdon, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. C. Leavitt. Mr. Greeley, Mr. R. Parker, Mr. French, Mr. Forster, Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. Farley, Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. Dinfmore, Mr. Bixby, Mr. E. Putnam, Mr. Edwards, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Nefmith, Mr. Tobie,

NAYSMr. Pinkerton,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. Jabez Smith,
Mr. Plumer,

Mr. Jackman, Mr. S. Stevens, Mr. Hale, Mr. L. Willard, Mr. Frink, Mr. Tyler, Mr. Thorndike, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Hooker, Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. Lane, Mr. Grout, Mr. J. Moody, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. Robinfon, Mr. Faxon, Mr. Seaward, Mr. Tayntor, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Josiah Brown, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Bedel. Mr. Ruffell. Mr. Carlton, Mr. Quimby, Mr. Rankin, Mr. Eames,

Mr. Cilley, Mr. Noyes, Mr. Morrill, Mr. Tibbetts,

Mr. Curtis.

Mr. M'Crillis, Mr. T. Clough, Mr. Wilfon, Mr. Godfrey, Mr. Tilton, Mr. True, Mr. Gile, Mr. A. Moody, Mr. J. Wingate, Mr. O. Hall, Mr. Gilman, Mr. Riddle, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Fifk, Mr. Putnam, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Alcock, Mr. Adams, Mr. Pierce,

Mr. N. Clark, Mr. Bayley, Mr. Storey, Mr. Gale, Mr. Gerrish, Mr. Davis, Mr. Philbrook, Mr. Rand, Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Kimball, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Burley, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Blafdell, Mr. Slade, Mr. Porter.

83 yeas-45 nays: So the motion prevailed.

Refolved that the members of the honorable Council, Senate and House of Representatives receive two dollars per day each, for their attendance the prefent fession; the President of the Senate, Speaker of the House, Clerk, and Deputy-Secretary two dollars and fifty cents each per day; the Affiftant Clerk two dollars per day; the honorable Council when meeting in the recess two dollars and fifty cents per day each for attendance; and that the members of the honorable Council, Senate, House of Representatives and their officers receive eight cents per mile each for travel to and from Court, and that the Secretary and Clerk make up and certify the rolls accordingly, and that the Clerk be allowed one day extra for making up the rolls of the House. Voted G 3

Voted that Mr. Bettan, Mr. Connor and Mr. N. Parker be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to take into consideration the laws of this State relative to paupers, and report such alterations and amendments as they shall judge necessary.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## Wednesday, December 26, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

A BILL to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the North-Hampton library, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill to exempt Piscataqua Bridge, &c. from taxes, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee to report their opinion on the propriety of petitioning Congress for an alteration in the Conflitution of the United States, respecting the qualifications of persons elected members of the Legislature of the United States, and also take into consideration the article respecting the election of President or Vice-President, reported the following resolves, viz.

Refolved that the Senators and Representatives of this State, in the Congress of the United States, be, and they hereby are requested to use their best endeavours that Congress propose to the Legislatures of the several States

the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, viz. That (in addition to the other qualifications prescribed by faid Constitution) no person shall be eligible as President or Vice-President of the United States, nor shall any person be a Senator or Representative in the Congress of the United States except a natural born citizen, or unless he shall have been a resident in the United States at the time of the declaration of Independence, and shall have continued either to reside within the fame, or to be employed in its fervice from that period to the time of his election.-Provided nevertheless, That in case the Senators and Reprefentatives of this State in Congress, shall find that the amendment above proposed is not perfectly conformable to the fentiments of a constitutional majority of both branches of the national Legislature, they are hereby impowered and requested fo to modify the same, as to meet the fentiments of fuch majority, provided however, that any amendment which may be agreed on, shall exclude from the office of President and Vice President any person who is not a natural born citizen or a refident in the United States, at the time of the declaration of Independence as aforefaid, and shall also exclude from a feat in either branch of Congress, any person who shall not have been actually naturalized at the time of making this amendment, and have been admitted a citizen of the United States fourteen years at least at the time of fuch election.

Refolved that His Excellency the Governor be requested forthwith to transmit the same to the Schators and Representatives of this State in Congress, and also transmit the same to the Supreme Executive of the several States.

Which report being read and confidered, was received and accepted.

Refolved

Refolved that the Senators and Representatives of this State, be and they hereby are requested to use their best endeavours that Congress propose to the Legislatures of the feveral States, the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States, viz .- That the electors of Prefident and Vice-Prefident in giving in their votes, shall respectively distinguish the person whom they defire to be President, from the one whom they desire to be Vice-Prefident, by annexing the words Prefident or Vice-President as the case may require to the proper name voted for; and the person having the greatest number of votes for Vice-President, (if such number be a majority of the whole number of electors chosen,) shall be Vice-President, and if there be no choice and two or more persons shall have the highest number of votes, and those equal, the Senate shall immediately choose by ballot one of them for Vice-Prefident, and if no person have a majority then from the five highest on the list; the Senate shall in like manner choose the Vice-Presidentbut in choosing the Vice-President, the votes shall be taken by States, the Senators from each State having one vote, a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two thirds of the States; and a majority of all the States shall be necessary to a choice, and in case the Senators and Representatives of this State in Congress, shall find that the aforesaid amendment is not conformable to the fentiments of a constitutional majority of both branches of the National Legislature, they are hereby requested fo to modify the same as to meet the fentiments of fuch majority .- Provided however, that any amendment which may be agreed upon shall oblige the electors to defignate the perion they defire to be Prefident, from the one whom they defire may be Vice-Prefident.

Refolved further that His Excellency the Governor, be and he is hereby requested to communicate the foregoing

going resolve to the Supreme Executive of the several States, and also to transmit the same to the Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Which refolve was read and confidered, received and accepted.

Refolved that the account of Nathaniel Weare, Efq. amounting to five dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

### Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

### Met accordingly.

A bill to enable the inhabitants of Tuftonborough to tax all the lands in faid town, as unimproved land, for a certain purpose, having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

The committee to nominate fome one gentleman of the clergy to be appointed to preach an election fermon; before the General Court in June next, reported that the Rev. Seth Payfon, of Rindge, be appointed to preach an election fermon in June next, which report being read and confidered, was received and accepted, and His Excellency the Governor defired to give the Rev. Mr. Payfon notice of faid appointment.

A bill in addition to, and alteration of the militia law now in force in this State, having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

The committee to nominate fix persons, out of whom for three to be appointed a committee to settle the accounts.

counts between this State and the Treasurer thereof, having reported.

Voted that James Sheafe, John Prentice and John Calfe, Esquires, be, and they hereby are appointed a committee to settle the accounts between this State and the Treasurer thereof, in the recess of the General Court, and report thereon at the next session.

Voted that Mr. Whipple, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Duncan be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the account of Jacob Abbott, Esquire, and report thereon.

A bill to incorporate certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Chichester, having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

On the fecond reading of a bill allowing a premium for killing crows, motion was made to pass the same for the third reading, on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

YEAS.
Mr. Connor,
Mr. Pickering,
Mr. E. Brown,
Mr. T. Leavitt,
Mr. Joseph Brown,
Mr. Barnard,
Mr. Goodwin,
Mr. Jabez Smith,
Mr. Sanborn,
Mr. Noyes,
Mr. Morrill,

Mr. T. Clough,
Mr. Knox,
Mr. Godfrey,
Mr. Gile,
Mr. Jofeph Clark,
Mr. W. Palmer,
Mr. Young,
Mr. N. Clough,
Mr. Richardfon,
Mr. Greeley,
Mr. R. Parker,

YEAS.

Mr. J. Barrett,
Mr. Bixby,
Mr. Putnam,
Mr. Brooks,
Mr. Alcock,
Mr. Adams,
Mr. Pierce,
Mr. Tobie,
Mr. Gerrilh,
Mr. Philbrook,
Mr. Hale,
Mr. J. Moody,
Mr. N. Emerson,
Mr. Griffin,

NAYS. Mr. Drowne, Mr. White, Mr. Pinkerton, Mr. W. White, Mr. Weeks, Mr. Whipple, Mr. Rollins, Mr. Plumer, Mr. Cilley, Mr. J. Clark, Mr. Tibbetts, Mr. M'Crilles, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Tilton, Mr. True, Mr. Bettan, Mr. Armor, Mr. A. Moody, Mr J. Waldron, Mr. Thompson, Mr. I. Waldron, Mr. Seaward,
Mr. Kimball,
Mr. Duncan,
Mr. Jofiah Brown,
Mr. Crawford,
Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Porter,
Mr. Bedel,
Mr. Ruffell,
Mr. Carlton,
Mr. Quimby,
Mr. Eames,
Mr. Curtis.

NAYS. Mr. Harper, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Boynton, Mr. Dow, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Hodgdon, Mr. C. Leavitt, Mr. O. Hall, Mr. French, Mr. Forster, Mr. Riddle, Mr. D. Emerson, Mr. Fifk. Mr. Farley, Mr C. Barrett. Mr. Dinfmore, Mr. Edwards, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Nefmith, Mr. N. Clark, Mr. Bayley,

Mr. Beckwith, Mr. Storey, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. Gale, Mr. Robinfon, Mr. Davis, Mr. Faxon, Mr. S. Stevens, Mr. Morfe, Mr. L. Willard, Mr. Tayntor, Mr. Frink, Mr. Tyler, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Thorndike, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Burley, Mr. Rand, Mr. Blafdell, Mr. Sparhawk, Mr. Slade. Mr. J. Stevens, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Lane, Mr. Rankin. Mr. Grout,

49 yeas—68 nays: So the motion did not prevail; and the bill was rejected.

The committee on the petition of Ephraim Root and Phebe Root, reported that having carefully examined the matter respecting the petition of Ephraim Root and Phebe Root, find due to Mrs. Root four hundred and fifteen dollars and ninety cents for back interest, and that the same be allowed; which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and resolved that said sum of four hundred and fifteen dollars and ninety cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

The committee on the account of David Webster, Esquire, reported that he have forty-five dollars and fifty-one cents in full for his account; which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and a resolve for payment passed accordingly.

Refolved that the account of Moses Kelley, Esquire, amounting to twenty-two dollars and seventeen cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Refolved

Refolved that the Rev. Afa M'Farland have and receive out of the treasury of this State fifteen dollars, for officiating as chaplain to the General Court the present Ceffion.

The committee to consider of the petition of Benjamin Philbrook and others, and all other petitions respecting the division of the twenty-first regiment, reported that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions, which report being read and confidered, was received and accepted.

Voted that the General Court which by the Constitution, are to meet on the first Wednesday in June next, meet at Concord.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

# Thursday, December 27, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

BILL against gaming at Billiards, having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill for incorporating certain persons by the name of the proprietors of the social library in Kensington, which came down from the honorable Senate, having had three feveral readings was enacted.

A bill to incorporate a certain tract of land, known by the name of Campbel's Gore, having had three feveral readings passed to be enacted. It

It being stated to this House that there was some mistake in the cast of some of the inventories, the committee were desired to re-examine and report, who reported that Hopkinton in the proportion stands one dollar thirty-eight cents too low; Warner forty-seven cents too high; Wilton twenty-five cents too low; Dunstable right; Hollis eleven cents too high, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted.

Voted that Mr. D. Emerson, Mr. Eames and Mr. Tibbetts be a committee to present to His Excellency such bills and resolves as pass the Senate, and are concurred by the House the present session, for his approbation.

Refolved that the account of Henry Ranlet, amounting to ten dollars be allowed and paid out of the treafury.

Refolved that the account of John Melcher, amounting to feventy-four dollars be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Resolved that Samuel Bragg be allowed forty-two dollars in full for his account, and that the same be paid out of the treasury.

The committee on the petition of James Bunten and others, reported in favor of a day of hearing, whereupon voted that the petitioners be heard thereon before the General Court, on the first Tuesday of the next session, and that the petitioners cause that the selectmen of Chester, Pembrook, and Allenstown be served with a copy of the petition and order of Court thereon, on or before the sisteenth day of February next, that they or any of them may then appear and shew cause, (if any they have) why the prayer thereof may not be granted.

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The following vote came down from the Senate for concurrence.

In SENATE, Dec. 26, 1798.

Voted that Mr. Hoit, Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Hale be a committee on the part of the Senate, to join such of the House of Representatives as they may appoint, to take into consideration the propriety of making a grant to His Excellency the Governor, to compensate him for the money paid by him for the expenses of the Indians, &c. and also for his extra expense in reviewing the militia of this Stae the present year, and to report what sum shall be allowed for that purpose; which vote was read and concurred, and Mr. Bettan, Mr. E. Thompson, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Mooney appointed.

Refolved that the account of Jacob Abbott, Esquire, amounting to thirty-two dollars and eighty-seven cents be allowed, and paid out of the treasury.

Voted that Mr. Connor, Mr. Jenness and Mr. I. Waldron be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of James M'Gregore and George Reid, Esquires, respecting a location of land by them purchased, and report thereon.

Refolved that the account of Nathaniel Parker, Esq. amounting to thirteen dollars and thirty cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

On the fecond reading of a bill directing the bringing forward processes before the Superior Court for trying forfeitures of royal grants of lands in this State.—On the fecond paragraph respecting stoping actions already brought, if any such there were; motion was made to H 2

erase the same from the bill, on which motion the yeas and nays were called, and are as follows, viz.

YEAS.	YEAS.
Mr Drowne	Mr. Hodgdon,
Mr N White.	Mr. O. Hall,
Mr Connor-	Mr. Gilman,
Mr. W. White,	Mr. French,
Mr. Parsons,	Mr. Forker,
	Mr. Filk,
	Mr. Farley,
	Mr. Bixby, Mr. P. Putnam
Mr. Jabez Smith,	Mr. P. Putnam
Mr. Plumer,	Mr. E. Putnam, Mr. Alcöck,
Mr. Jennels,	Mr. Adams.
Mr. Cilley, Mr. Sanborn,	
	Mr. Gale,
Mr. Morrill,	Mr. Hale,
Mr. Tibbetts,	Mr. L. Willard,
Mr. M'Crilles,	Mr. Frink,
Mr. T. Clough,	Mr. Tyler,
Mr. Drew,	Mr. S. Smith,
Mr. Wilfon,	Mr. Sparhawk,
Mr. Armor,	Mr. J. Stevens,
Mr. A. Moody,	Mr. Grout,
Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Griffin,
Mr. Joseph Clark,	Mr. Kimball,
Mr. W. Palmer,	Mr. Duncan,
Mr. I. Waldron,	Mr. Mooney.
Mr. Boody,	Mr. Josiah Brown,
Mr. Young,	Mr. Johnson,
Mr. Wingate,	Mr. Blafdell,
Mr. Boynton,	Mr. Slade,
Mr. Dow,	Mr. Porter, Mr. Bedel,
Mr. Crosby,	Mr. Russell,
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NAYS. Mr. Pinkerton. Mr. T. Leavitt, Mr. Tilton, Mr. True, Mr. Gile, Mr. Bettan, Mr. J. Waldron, Mr. J. Palmer, Mr. R. Parker, Mr. Riddle, Mr. D. Emerson, Mr. J. Barrett, Mr. C. Barrett, Mr. Edwards, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Brooks, Mr. N. Clark,

Mr. Bayley,

Mr. Rankin, Mr. Eames.

NAYS. Mr. Tobie, Mr. Storey, Mr. Philbrook, Mr. S. Stevens. Mr. Thorndike, Mr. Hooker, Mr. Rand. Mr. Lane, Mr. Beckwith, Mr. J. Moody, Mr. N. Emerson, Mr. Faxon, Mr. Seaward, Mr. Tayntor, Mr. N. Parker, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Burley.

70 yeas-35 nays: So it was erased.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M.

Met accordingly.

A bill relative to the Court of Common Pleas in the county of Strafford—having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill for taxing land in the town of Chatham, having had three feveral readings, passed to be enacted.

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Refolved

Refolved that the account of Ephraim Pickering, Eq. amounting to three dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

A bill in addition to, and alteration of the militia laws now in force in this state—having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

A bill for the better regulation of schools within this state, and for repealing all the laws now in force respecting the same—having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

Voted that Mr. Jennes, Mr. Grant and Mr. Shepherd be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the petition of James Macgregore, Esq. and report thereon.

Refolved that the account of Nathaniel Weare, Efq. amounting to three dollars, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Voted that Mr. Young, Mr. J. Stevens and Mr. J. Palmer be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate, as they may appoint, to consider of the account of Caleb Buswell, and of all accounts of a similar nature, and report thereon.

Refolved that the account of David Hall amounting to twelve dollars and fifty cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

A bill enabling the Treasurer of the State, and Treasurer of the county of Hillsborough, for the time being to rectify certain mistakes in the proportion act, passed Dec. 26th, 1798—having had three several readings, passed to be enacted.

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The committee appointed to confider what method shall be taken for distributing the laws passed the prefent session, reported that the Secretary be directed to distribute them in the same manner as the laws were that passed November session 1797, which report being read and considered, was received and accepted, and that the Secretary direct and send a copy for each member and each town.

Refolved that George Hough be allowed feven dollars in full for his account, and that the same be paid out of the treasury.

Resolved that the account of Caleb Buswell amounting to one hundred and thirteen dollars and four cents, be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Refolved that the account of Robert B. Wilkins, a-mounting to fixty eight dollars and forty five cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Refolved that the account of Josiah Nelson, amounting to one hundred and one dollars and thirteen cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Refolved that Michael M'Clary, Esquire, be allowed one hundred and fixty seven dollars and forty two cents in full for his account, and that said sum be paid out of the treasury.

Adjourned to half past 7 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Friday,

# Friday, December 28, 1798.

The House met according to adjournment.

R ESOLVED that the account of Joseph Pearson, Esquire, amounting to four dellars and sifty cents be allowed and paid out of the treasury.

Voted that Mr. N. Parker, Mr. N. White, Mr. Waldron, Mr. Pinkerton and Mr. Armor be a committee on the part of this House, to join such of the Senate as they may appoint, to wait on His Excellency the Governor and inform him that the bufiness of the present session is compleated, and that the Legislature are now ready to be adjourned to the last Wednesday in May next, then to meet at Concord.

Voted that the thanks of this House be given to the Honorable John PRENTICE, Esquire, for his candid, impartial and indefatigable fervices, as Speaker of this House the present year.

The Deputy Secretary came down and gave information that His Excellency the Governor, with advice of Council, has thought fit to adjourn the General Court to the last Wednesday in May next, then to meet at Concord.

Among the foregoing votes are included the following, which were non-concurred by the honorable Senate, viz.

A vote granting the prayer of the petition of John Sanborn, non-concurred. A

A vote granting a day of hearing on the petition of the felectmen of Marlow, and the petition of Aaron Matfon and others, non-concurred.

A vote granting a day of hearing on the petition of John Porter, non-concurred.

A bill relative to the fees of collectors of non-refidents caxes, non-concurred.

A vote for a committee to consider of the petition of James M'Gregore, Esquire, non-concurred.

A refolve for the payment of the account of Ephraira Pickering, Esquire, laid over to the next session.



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